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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: JULY 28, 2005 (1700 HOURS LOCAL) --  
PALESTINIAN BOY KILLED DURING IDF INCURSION IN JENIN,  
SENIOR PIJ OFFICIAL ARRESTED; PALESTINIAN GIRL WOUNDED IN  
GAZA.

This is a joint ConGen Jerusalem/Embassy Tel Aviv cable.

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: In the West Bank, according to Palestinian security sources, a 15-year old Palestinian was shot and killed by the IDF when IDF troops entered into Jenin July 27. The IDF arrested a senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) official during the operation. In Gaza, a five-year-old Palestinian girl was critically injured by IDF tank fire overnight July 27-28 in the Jenah area of Rafah. One Palestinian was lightly wounded in an exchange of fire near an IDF outpost north of Rafah on July 27. End Summary.

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West Bank  
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2. (SBU) ATTACKS/SECURITY:

-- Deaths/Injuries: According to Palestinian sources, a 15-year old Palestinian, Yusif Hasis, died of wounds incurred from IDF fire when IDF troops entered into Jenin July 27 and clashed with Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades gunmen. About 13 other Palestinians, mostly militants, were injured during the exchange of fire. Two IDF soldiers were also lightly injured. (See &Arrests.8)

-- Arrests: According to Palestinian media, the IDF arrested a senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) official during the IDF operation in Jenin July 27 (see &Deaths/Injuries8).

-- Arrests: Palestinian newspapers reported that the IDF detained a 13-year old Palestinian boy at an IDF outpost near the Ngehut settlement in the Hebron area July 27. The boy was allegedly carrying a knife and threatened one of the IDF soldiers.

-- Security Incidents: According to Israeli radio, IDF forces thwarted an attack in the Nablus area on Ebal mountain July 27, after finding a 15-kilogram device carried by three Palestinians who managed to flee the scene. An army bomb squad diffused the device, and embarked on a search for the militants.

3. (SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- According to Palestinian media, there were scuffles and clashes July 27 between PA security forces elements in Qalqiliya, Tubas, and Bethlehem. Confrontations erupted after National Security Forces (NSF) officers attempted to take over facilities occupied by the "Special Forces." The Special Forces are, by Ministry of Interior order, supposed to be consolidated into the NSF, but they thus far are resisting real integration.

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Gaza  
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4. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries/Shooting: According to UNRWA, a five-year-old Palestinian girl was critically wounded by IDF tank fire overnight July 27-28 in the Jenah area of Rafah.

-- Injuries/Shooting: (Follow-up to a report in the &Shootings8 section of the July 27 sitrep.) According to an UNRWA, a 21-year-old Palestinian woman sustained shrapnel wounds in her back during the previously reported exchange of fire between gunmen and IDF soldiers near Rafah Yam on July 26 at 2035.

-- Injuries/Shooting: The IDF reported that one Palestinian suspect was lightly wounded in an exchange of fire near an IDF outpost north of Rafah on July 27 at 0900.

-- Rockets: Israeli media and the IDF reported that three Qassam rockets were fired at Sderot during the early morning of July 28. UNRWA put the figure at six rockets directed at Sderot and two more against the northern Gaza settlement bloc. No injuries or damage were reported.

-- Rockets: UNRWA reported that three Qassams were fired at Neve Dekalim overnight July 27-28.

-- Missiles: UNRWA reported that an anti-tank missile was fired at an IDF bulldozer opposite Block J in Rafah overnight July 27-28. According to the UNRWA report, PA National Security Forces pursued the attackers, but then came under IDF tank fire along with the attackers. The attackers escaped. No injuries were reported.

-- Mortars: The IDF reported four instances of mortar shelling between 2320 on July 27 and 0435 on July 28. No injuries were reported. Three of the shells, fired around 0200, targeted the Nativ Haasara and Meffalsim kibbutzim in Israel. Individual shells were fired at an IDF APC about six kilometers south of Kissufim junction at 2320; at Elei Sinai at 0200; and at an IDF outpost near Morag at 0435. UNRWA reported a mortar fired at Ganei Tal overnight.

-- Shootings: The IDF reported five incidents of gunfire directed at IDF soldiers on July 27 (in addition to the incident reported in &Injuries/Shooting8 above). Gunmen fired at soldiers in an IDF outpost west of Khan Yunis at 1230; in an IDF outpost north of Rafah at 1350; in an IDF vehicle near an outpost north of Rafah at 1400; in an APC approximately 4 kms NE of Nahal Oz crossing at 1530; and in an IDF outpost west of Khan Yunis at 1545. No injuries were reported from any of these five incidents.

-- Explosions: Nil.

(SBU) ARRESTS: UNRWA reported that IDF soldiers arrested four members of the Shanalakh family north of Netzarim at 1930 on July 27.

15. (SBU) INCURSIONS/DEMOLITIONS: Nil.

16. (SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- No Palestinians except those holding Jerusalem ID cards are currently allowed to use the Erez crossing. The crossing is open for international travelers.

-- The Abu Houli internal crossing was reopened on July 27 but closed overnight from 1930 to 0800.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone was closed.

-- The Karni terminal was partially open.

-- Rafah Terminal was open in both directions, but closed to Palestinian males between the ages of 16 and 35 traveling to Egypt.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed for Palestinian laborers but open for construction materials.

-- Netzarim Junction at Salahadeen Road was closed.

-- The Netzarim Coastal Road was open.

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